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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 52 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. KAPTUR) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God of the universe and all who dwell therein, every nation, every tribe, every people and language stands before Your throne.

In gratitude, we stand alongside our brothers and sisters to celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Month, acknowledging the first known Japanese immigrants in 1843, the Chinese laborers who sacrificed their lives and dignity to build the transcontinental railroad, the Vietnamese for whose freedom many spilled blood.

We pause to stop and consider how You have brought them and countless others, Koreans, Filipinos, Indians, and Pacific Islanders, to these shores as immigrants, refugees, or even war brides, blessing their journeys with hope for the freedom and opportunity our country's vast resources provide.

Lord, we acknowledge and honor so many who have made significant contributions to law and medicine, science and technology, arts and entertainment. How humbled we are by the wideness of Your embrace and how indebted we are to the evidence of Your hand in all of creation.

Free us, then, from our hatred or indifference toward those whom we perceive as the "other." Instead, reconcile us to Yourself and to our compatriots, that we may consider how, by Your divine providence and grace, O Lord, we are a richer Nation because of the blessing of our diversity.

It is in the unity of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. HORSFORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HORSFORD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING JULIANA URTUBEY

(Mr. HORSFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate Ms. Juliana Urtubey, a Nevada teacher whose commitment to joyful and just education has led to her well-deserved selection as the 2021 National Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Urtubey is a first-generation immigrant and bilingual educator who works in special education at Booker Elementary in Nevada's Fourth Congressional District.

At Booker Elementary, she is known as Ms. Earth for beautifying the community with gardens and murals.

She teaches her students to take pride in themselves, their identities, and their strengths.

She is the best of Nevada, the best of our educators, and we are so proud of her.

HONORING ELY BLAISDELL

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ely Blaisdell of South Fork, Pennsylvania. Ely has accepted a fully qualified appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in New York.

Ely is a senior at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. He has two siblings, Eban and Margaret. He is the son of Michael and Karen Blaisdell. He is the grandson of the late Herbert and Carolyn Kessler and Eva Stahr-Kessler, all of Johnstown; and Margaret and the late Mark Blaisdell of Wilmore, Pennsylvania.

Ely is following in the footsteps of two of his uncles, Dan Kessler and Paul Kessler, who graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1979 and 1975, respectively.

Madam Speaker, Ely Blaisdell is a dedicated member of his community. His passion for service and his commitment to his education will serve him well as he heads to Kings Point, New York.

Good luck to him as he enters this next chapter of his life, and I thank him for his service to our country.

RECOGNIZING FALLEN SERVICEMEMBERS

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize our fallen servicemembers as Memorial Day approaches.

This weekend, I was proud to join in the dedication of the Fall River Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, which pays homage to the nearly 60,000 Americans who died in Vietnam. They were not always honored as they should have been by their contemporaries, but we honor them now. Liberty, justice, and democracy are ultimately protected by those who are willing to lay down their lives to defend these values.

This coming Memorial Day, let us enjoy time with our friends and families, a more acute joy than ever, after this past year. But let us also center ourselves on the true meaning of the day and reflect on the sacrifice and valor of those no longer with us.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF THE ATTACK ON SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL

(Mr. WEBER of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the victims of the heinous attack on Santa Fe High School on this day back in 2018.

Three years ago, Santa Fe, Texas, a salt-of-the-earth town in my district, was confronted with an incomprehensible evil. Instead of revisiting those horrendous acts of violence, today I rise to honor the lives that were tragically cut short:

15-year-old Aaron Kyle McLeod;
15-year-old Angelique Ramirez;
14-year-old Kimberly Vaughan;
63-year-old Cynthia Tisdale;
17-year-old Sabika Sheikh;
17-year-old Jared Black;
16-year-old Shana Fisher;
64-year-old Glenda Ann Perkins;
15-year-old Christian Riley Garcia;
and

17-year-old Christopher Stone, who was adventurous, understanding, and easy to talk to.

Both Christopher and Christian have received medals of honor for the deed they did.

Madam Speaker, it was a solemn day.

CONGRATULATING ABBY CROW

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a young woman from my district for her appointment to fill an important seat in the State of Iowa.

On April 16, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds appointed Abby Crow, a native of